



## THE FLYER

*Newsletter for Saint Joseph Cupertino Secular Franciscan Fraternity*

**FRATERNITY 2026 THEME**

***THE LORD GAVE ME  
BROTHERS AND SISTERS.***

**UPCOMING: Social after Noon Mass and Gathering at 2 pm.** Please note that the gathering is moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday this month, June 28.

**WELCOME:** We will welcome Carl Scheffel, Bob Balassone, John Hebler, Deb Jolissant, Cate Hawthorne, Pat Curtiss and Patrick Blasdell as inquirers.

Notes from Brother Lawrence:

June thoughts:

St. Francis certainly used the gift of what I refer to as inner vision many times in his life. [ even believe that the way he worded the Canticle of the Creatures show him speaking of aspects that are of the inner sense when speaking of the sun, moon, etc., and yes, even when he added Sister Death in his last days. What does this lead us to doing? I think that if we all want to follow in Francis' footsteps of Jesus we need always to see the good in another and not concentrate on the evil. Good is always there and we need to find it in whomever we meet and do one's best to find it. Sometimes it might not seem to be there, but do not give up. Remember that everyone and

everything that is created by God, which is all things and that includes people have good in them. Remember that in Genesis it is proclaimed that everything that God created is created by him as good. Do not give up easily.

If you have a "problem person" keep looking for something no matter how small of a good it might be and if you found a good you can bet that there are other and greater good in them as well. This is where you begin to see more goodness in one and begin to bring it out of them more and more.

I have said this often when the situation is a tough one; Francis was sure if it being there, St. Augustine was sure of its being there, and Jesus was sure of its being there.

### Minister's Note

I was standing at my kitchen sink, peeling one of the year's first peaches. The smell and the taste instantly transported me back to a time when I stood in a peach orchard with my grandfather as he cleaned a freshly picked ripe peach. He peeled back the skin of the peach to reveal the juicy interior and handed it to me to eat.

That simple act of receiving a peach from my grandfather reminds me that gifts of food can nourish more than the body—they become signs of love, remembrance, and presence. There are many moments when Jesus handed food to his disciples and followers. His loving gifts of simple bread and wine became the most precious of gift all at the Last Supper. He invited the disciples after the Resurrection, "Come and eat."

Last week we celebrated the Feast Day of Corpus Christi, a reminder that every time we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, we are transported to that moment of when Jesus asks us to "Come and Eat."

Just as my grandfather carefully prepared the peach for me, Jesus hands Himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament at every mass. All He is comes to us in that moment. He loves us in the most precious gift of the Eucharist.

### Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
 Body of Christ, save me.  
 Blood of Christ, embolden me.  
 Water from the side of Christ, wash me.  
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
 O good Jesus, hear me.  
 Within your wounds hide me.  
 Never permit me to be parted from you.  
 From the evil Enemy defend me.  
 At the hour of my death call me  
 and bid me come to you,  
 that with your Saints I may praise you  
 for age upon age.  
 Amen.

Peace and Love  
 Melissa

### Plan ahead for our Meetings

**June 28-** Father Terence will be our guest speaker

**July 19-** Regional Visitation/ Observation – **Fraternity Service Project. Please donate items at [https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/YNW634C2SFK3?ref=cm\\_sw\\_r\\_cp\\_ud\\_ggr-subnav-share\\_4M8R52K7YJP9VP7V6DRB\\_1](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/YNW634C2SFK3?ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ud_ggr-subnav-share_4M8R52K7YJP9VP7V6DRB_1)**

You may also bring items to meeting. Please send Melissa an email so that we can manage how much we have.

**August 16-** Pilgrimage to Monastery of the Holy Lands: Begins with Mass at 11 am. Tour at 1:30 pm. Limited to 30 participants.

**September** – Annual Picnic

**October-** Planning for Sister Death with Will Potter

Transits October 3 with Archbishop Lori

FORMATION THOUGHT FOR MAY

ARTICLE 12: “WITNESSING TO THE GOOD YET TO COME AND OBLIGATED TO ACQUIRE PURITY OF HEART BECAUSE OF THE VOCATION THEY HAVE EMBRACED, THEY SHOULD SET THEMSELVES FREE TO LOVE GOD AND THEIR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.”

Events at the Shrine of Saint Anthony

The Shrine has many upcoming events that you may want to attend:

<https://www.shrineofstanthony.org/calendar>



PRAY FOR HEALING


Gail Bunyan, OFS  
Lita Maisel, OFS  
Bill Siefken, OFS

Teresa Lam, OFS  
Rosemary Whelan, OFS  
Patrick Caughy, OFS  
Harry Ford, OFS  
Kathy Ford, OFS

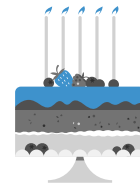
**Book Share**

Thomas A’Kempis’ classic Imitation of Christ.  
First Saturdays from 1-3 pm on ZOOM!  
Contact Geri Flynn OFS for details: AngelBarty@aol.com

Pray for deceased:



Sheila Eberhardt 7/29/24



BIRTHDAY WISHES:

Richard Lam 6/6  
David Garcia 6/3

Next month

Jeanne Kerins 7/11  
Gerry Pinkas 7/18  
Trudy Kerber 7/23  
Mary Karth 7/28

**Anniversary Wishes:**

Bob Longo- 6/15/1996 30 years!!!  
Cindy Mohler 6/24/12  
France Staudemann 6/24/12  
Patrick Caughy 6/24/12

May – 2026Beginning (running) Balance: \$ 2,885.56Income:

Common Fund (Cash) \$ 40.00  
 Common Fund (Checks) 1,260.00

Total Income \$ 1,300.00Expenses:

Spiritual Assistant \$ 100.00  
 Franciscan Friars 100.00  
 Donation to Little Portion Farm  
 (for Spring 2026) 200.00  
 Bronze Level Sponsor of  
 the St. Anthony Festival  
 (for June 2026) 250.00  
 Annual Website Fee 180.00  
 Ritual Copies 101.51  
 SFO Brochure Printing 203.51

Total Expenses \$ 1,135.02Ending (running) Balance: \$ 3,050.54

If you are unable to attend the gatherings, you can send  
 your contributions to the fraternity.

**Contributions are tax deductible.**

Direct Donation checks to: **St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity**

**Mail donations to:**

Jerry Yu  
 2812 Green Shade Court  
 Ellicott City, MD 21042

**You may use your bank's BILL PAY.** Direct payment to  
**St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity** C/O the address above.

**NOTE! FOR BILL PAY, THE ADDRESS HAS CHANGED.**

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